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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

NITSCH, BERNHARD

Examiner

YOUNG T. TSE

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 September 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 20030930.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to because the block element "10" shown in Fig. 3 between the block elements 11 and 12 should be labeled "13" as described at page 4, line 27 of the specification". In Fig. 6, the letter "J" labeled between the steps S101 and S102 is not understood, it appears to read "Y" meaning yes. Further, the symbols " $\Delta\tilde{f}$ ", "f" and " γ_0 " located under the "MAX" in the steps S105 and S106 are not understood. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet"

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pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

3. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the term "of received signal" at lines 5 and 8 should be "of the received signal"; line 6, the terms "the bit offset or the chip offset" and "by reference signal" should be "a bit offset or a chip offset" and "by the reference signal", respectively; and line 9, the term "of cost function" should be "of the cost function". Further, the Applicant is requested to clarify the different notations of " Δf " and " Δf " for the frequency offset. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).
4. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: at page 2, line 36, "IRR" should be "IIR"; at page 3, line 27, "BSK" should be "BPSK"; at page 4, line 4, " $e^{-2\pi\Delta fV}$ " should be " $e^{-j2\pi\Delta fV}$ "; at page 5, line 10, "rv" should be "rV"; the equation (6) at page 5 and the equation (11) at page 7 are not understood, there are no space for "Burst", "Start" and "Index", and the notations " V_0 " and "f" under the "MAXINDEX" and "MAX" are also not understood; at page 6, line 2, "in an" should be "in a"; and at page 7, line 19, only one space apart is need among the words. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

5. Claims 1-10 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 1, line 5, "by reference signal" should be "by the reference signal".

In claim 6, line 6, "the bit index or the chip index" should be "a bit index or a chip index".

The dependent claims 2-5 and 7-10 are objected to because they are depended on the independent claim 1.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

6. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

7. Claims 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

The claims 8-10 contain the subject matter of a computer program with program code means which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to

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make and/or use the invention. In other words, it is unclear what are included in the program code means?

8. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

9. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, line 7, "V" is undefined.

In claim 3, line 4, " N_{FFT}^{-1} " is undefined.

In claim 8, line 3, the term "the program" lacks antecedent basis.

The dependent claims 2, 4-7 and 9-10 are rejected to because they are either directly or indirectly depended on the independent claim 1.

Allowable Subject Matter

10. Claims 1-7 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection(s) set forth in this Office action.

11. Claims 1-7 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Conclusion

12. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Yun relates to initial signal detection, frequency offset estimation and timing alignment estimation in a receiver of a wireless communication system.

Seo et al. relates to a method and apparatus of determining a training signal so as to facilitate acquisition of symbol sync, frequency offset estimation and channel estimation in an OFDM system.

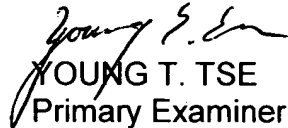
Labs et al. relates to a method and apparatus for estimating frequency offset for an OFDM burst receiver.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to YOUNG T. TSE whose telephone number is (571) 272-3051. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on (571) 272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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